

**Joint Resolution No. 18-51
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California**

Commitment to Environmental Sustainability Action

Whereas, we believe it is important to advocate for climate action to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and

Whereas, we believe that climate change should not be a partisan nor political issue and that local, state, and national policies should be guided by the best available science; and

Whereas, there is a broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities, contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions, are the dominant cause in climate change; and

Whereas, children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact today’s children throughout their lives as well as the lives of future generations; and

Whereas, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, including elected officials and education leaders; and

Whereas, the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) works to ensure that all of the county’s students graduate as knowledgeable citizens of the world; and

Whereas, SMCOE, as the manager of many education-related facilities and as a county education leader, should take responsibility for minimizing its environmental impact, demonstrating leadership in environmental protection, and providing education and actionable solutions that students and employees can pursue to address environmental challenges;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools support the exploration, development, and continuation of initiatives to address environmental challenges and create a healthier environment for San Mateo County students, families, and communities.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Passed and Adopted on this
Third day of October 2018

President

